

TOWN OF CECILTON

**Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting
Monday November 19, 2018**

The Mayor and Council held a Regular Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, November 19, 2018. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

Monday, November 5, 2018 Mayor and Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Cooper made a motion to accept the Monday, November 5, 2018 Work Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

October Final Financials and Account Balances:

October Final Financials and Account Balances were presented. Member DeVary motioned to accept the October Final Financials and Account Balances as written. Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vulture Problems- Dorothy Price Mortimer lives on 126 East Main Street. She has noticed that the vulture population has increased. At one time, she noticed close to 100 vultures on the tower by County Roads. Wanted to bring to the Mayor and Council's attention that old metal old building behind her that has the roof off in various places and have noticed that there is a nest of vultures in that structure. Mrs. Mortimer just put a new roof put on her house and concerned that the vultures could ruin her roof. Another concern is that causing that there is ditch that runs behinds their home and at some times have a lot of water in it. The vultures are drinking and bathing in it. She does not know if there is an outlet for the ditch anymore. For some reason the water is not draining. Mayor Zang explained where the ditch flows and that is extremely flat and shallow. Being that we have had an excessive amount of water this year, what percolation the ditch has had, it does not have this year. That has contributed to why that ground remains wet. She wanted to mention that the vultures are sitting on her back sidewalk. She tried to spray them with water and several ideas suggested by the internet. The vultures have torn the cover of her clothesline to shreds as well as a tablecloth. Mayor Zang expressed that the Town is in communication with DNR but it is a one way communication at this point. The Town will provide Mrs. Price-Mortimer the contact information for DNR and encourages her to give it to her neighbors. The only way to get DNR to do anything was to have the property owners complain and then DNR has to react. The vultures like the trash at Royal Farms and the salt at the County Roads Facility. It has been a problem in areas other than Cecilton. The issue is that they are a federally protected species. What they are telling us is to hang things in your yard that move such as cd discs since they move and are shiny and vultures do not like that. It is something that they do not get used to. Mayor Zang expressed what we need to do is find ways to get rid of them. Member DeVary expressed that shooting one is a punishable crime.

RedSpeed Maryland – Mario Hernandez reported on traffic study results. Northbound 213 at Head Start 2,630 cars in a 24 hour period. A 24 hour period is what is required by State Highway. Data was taken in October 28th and 29th (Sunday night into Monday night). Out of the 2,630 drivers monitored, 1649 drivers were within posted speed limit, 53 drivers within trigger speed (right on the edge of getting a citation), and 76 drivers were driving at 12 or miles or more above the speed limit. The law state you must have 12mph above limit trigger speed. One of the caveats of the law is that you can only operate the cameras Monday through Friday 6am to 8pm year around. Hernandez explained that the numbers will change, but will average out. Question was raised what happened to the rest of the cars. These cars were under 30 mph and didn't register. Therefore the question was raised in that the data was collected over a 24 hours period, but the cameras will only work Monday through Friday 6am to 8pm. Mayor Zang expressed that the data was not a good representation if it is only one day and not a full day, but just from 6am to 8 pm. Hernandez indicated that by looking at the sheet you can tell where the traffic swells and diminishes during rush hour. Mayor Zang expressed that data for more than one day is needed for an accurate description and average. He would like to see data taken over a 5 day period. Mayor Zang asked how many of those cars that were speeding were between the hours of 6 am to 8 pm. Hernandez will email information of action between 6am and 8pm. Hernandez indicated that the State Highway mandates a 24 hour period and they only look at that period. Mayor Zang expressed that he wanted more data to make it effective.

Hernandez explained the program details. It has to run Monday through Friday 6am to 8pm and you have to have two time stamps with images with the entire rear of the vehicle in both images. Permits have to be obtained through State Highway Roads. The law allows a ½ mile radius around the school (can enforce outside of the State Highway Roads within a half mile). Cameras operate all year around and are calibrated one year by a third party vendor. All violations must be approved by a sworn officer, electronics system check must be performed daily by a sworn officer, and all officers involved in the program must be trained. As a company, RedSpeed will appear before all hearings. Violations submitted for approval to law enforcement agency must be approved within 14 days or they become null and void. Citations are of the rear of the vehicle only. The citation administrator is generally a person involved either one of the council members or a person within the law enforcement agency. Training last about 30 minutes and it goes over the law and what is required of them. They would start with 2 cameras that can be rotated where needed, Camera would be on a mobile platform for 6 – 8 months. As things begin to diminish as far as being to be acceptable then the camera can be moved to the other side of the street. Citations are \$40 by law and cannot be changed. The only people that can impose fees is the court and the MVA. Citation is a civil fine, therefore it cannot be held against the driver for insurance purpose or go on the driver's record. Citations are kept track of and after 30 days it becomes delinquent if not paid. After the 61st day, it goes into flagging. This is for Maryland drivers only because that is where the program exists. Once it has been flagged, and the driver has to pay the fine before he/she can get their tags renewed. RedSpeed takes care of the required signage, permits, and applications. The municipalities do not have any cost. RedSpeed gets reimbursed through time and materials contract. . They prefer a minimum of 2 year contract. Town can write a letter to terminate contract after 6 months if not satisfied with results. RedSpeed receives approximately \$14 – 15 per paid citation. Mayor Zang asked to have a copy of the contract sent, so that can be reviewed. Number of deployment options available: vehicle, cabinet, fixed pole, law enforcement agency, lpr services, night time vision, alert systems (i.e. Amber, Red), small cabinets (standard operating cabinets), trailer, and temporary options for needs. There are three roles that have to be filled, program administrator (responsible to go to training), ombudsman (responsible for taking complaints before it goes to court), and an officer. Cabinet cameras are on timers and are only one from 6am to 8pm. Pole cameras are live

video and are on all the time. Company has a maximum 4 hour window to restore anything that goes down. There are web links possible. Once the images and citations have been reviewed, approved, and time stamped by the law enforcement officer, it returns electronically to the company and they issue the citation within 1 or 2 days. Once the citation is out, then the responsibilities of it is finished. The law provides an opportunity to come to court. Hernandez did recommend that the number of personnel that can sign off on the citations be limited. If citations go to court, then everyone that signs off on the citations have to appear. He recommends only 2 to 3 officers sign off on citations. The number of people who check the cameras do not have to appear in court, so any number of officers can do that. Also recommend that officers check cameras in the morning. New rules that are coming in from MVA are requiring that background investigations from RedSpeed personnel and officers have it, however, he does not know if that refers to the ombudsman. Warning that there will be vandalism, it happens all the time.

Mayor and Council expressed they would like to have data for Monday through Friday from 6am to 8pm. Hernandez expressed that he has one system that could be available after Thanksgiving, but will have to check when set up is available. He expressed that it could take a month to get it set up, obtain data, and provide results.

Adopt- a -Family: Want to know whether the Mayor or Council would like to Adopt- a- Family from the Cecilton Elementary School for the Christmas Holiday. Administrator Cooper will send text messages to the Mayor and Council Members individually to obtain their input.

OLD BUSINESS:

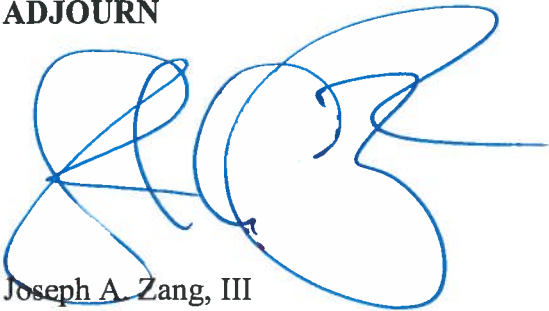
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Public Comments: None

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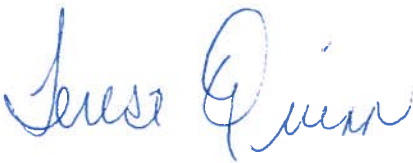
Reviewed upcoming dates.
Holiday Open House Thursday, December 6th - 5 -7pm
Staff Christmas Party Friday, December 7th -6pm
Town Caroling Sunday, December 16th - 6pm
Cecilton Hosts MML Dinner on Thursday, December 20th – 6 pm

ADJOURN



Joseph A. Zang, III
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Teresa Quinn